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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application.

This information disclosure statement is being filed within one of the following time periods: within three months of the filing date of this application other than a continued prosecution application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of this international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114. Therefore, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449. The references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached International Search Report dated June 30, 2004, in counterpart International Application No. PCT/US2004/000614. Copies of the documents are not being provided since copies should have been provided directly by WIPO under an exchange program between the PTO, the EPO, and the JPO. The absence of a translation or English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted documents (37 C.F.R. §1.98

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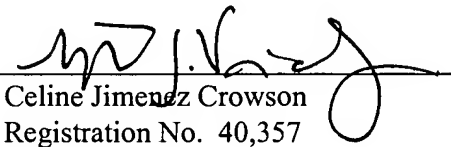
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